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TALK OF THE TOWN

Interest in the Capital National bank case is increasing. The petition asking that Mosher be let off with a fine, which was industriously circulated last week, stirred up a great many people and for some days protests against such a course have been forwarded to Washington by nearly every mail. A Lincoln attorney this week came across a decision in the 5th Federal Reporter in a case from the United States court of Chicago, which it is thought may have an important bearing on the situation in Lincoln. Here an innocent bank president swore to the published statements of the bank, which afterwards proved to be "doctored" by a dishonest employee, and although his entire innocence was shown, he was held responsible. The attention of District Attorney Baker was promptly called to this case, with the suggestion that he should "do his duty," which probably meant the commencement of proceedings against other officers of the bank.

The proceedings in the impeachment case this week were of the same peaceful character as before. On more than one occasion visitors found it very easy to fall asleep, and lately it has been necessary for the officers of the court to go around and wake people up at the close of the daily sessions. Let us be free offered that nothing will come of the case, and the politicians are speculating on a probable political effect of

Much of the philanthropic and social work that is done is not done in the general public. For three years, and even longer, a number of gentlemen in this city have been engaged in an effort to improve the condition of the convicts in the penitentiary and effect various reform measures. The Chautauqua system of mental improvement has been introduced in the prison with great success; through personal activity a number of convicts on the expiration of their terms have been provided with employment in this city and elsewhere, and numerous reformatory methods have been instituted but what has been accomplished has been achieved by individual effort, rather than by an organized system. It is now proposed to secure more important results by a regularly constituted organization.

There has just been developed in this city the Nebraska Prison Reform Association, composed in part of those persons who have in the past been interested in the reform work at the penitentiary. The following were elected officers: President, T. H. Leavitt; vice-president, W. E. Hardy; secretary, Professor F. M. Pling; treasurer, Harry B. Hicks; local committee, F. H. Ainsworth, chairman; B. L. Paine, M. D., F. Pling, L. G. Rhodes, M. D., Rev. P. W. Howe, C. D. Griffin, Miss Kingman; press committee, W. Morton Smith, chairman; W. O. Jones, Mr. Miller; lecture committee, Professor Lawrence Fossler, chairman; H. B. Hicks, F. H. Ainsworth, Mr. Miller, Burt Richards. Auxiliary associations will be formed in different parts of the state.

It is felt that not much can be accomplished as long as the contract labor system obtains, and the immediate work of the association will be along the line of an effort to abolish this system, which it is said is not only objectionable on general principles, but is unnecessarily expensive. In the reformatory at Elmira, New York, the cost per year is \$120 for each convict, while it is claimed that the average cost at the penitentiary in this state is \$148. In Elmira the prisoners are classified according to conduct and released on parole at the expiration of a certain time, and various reformatory methods are practiced. To a great extent these methods are applicable to the Nebraska institution.

The Nebraska State band, the state's most pretentious musical organization, will make its first public appearance this afternoon when it will be in evidence down town for a short time. Tomorrow afternoon at Lincoln park the initial concert of the season will be given. The concert will begin at 2:30 and continue till 5:30.

Commencing next Saturday The Courier will begin the publication of "A Nymph of the West" by Howard Seely, a new novel of great strength. The scene is laid in Texas, and the story is of surpassing interest. Courier readers should not miss the opening chapters next week.

The real estate agents and landlords of the city have organized a protective association. It might be equally appropriate for the people who rent houses to organize also. Occasionally a landlord may suffer; but in the long run the tenant hasn't any the best of it.

Did you ever stop to think of the amount of money carried out of town

by circuses and theatrical companies? There were from 12,000 to 15,000 persons present at the two performances of the Ringling Bros. circus this week, and the total receipts were in the neighborhood of \$5,000, certainly not any less than this figure, and very little of the money was left in Lincoln.

The success of the Sundown club of Omaha has attracted considerable attention in this city, and there has recently been some talk of an attempt to strengthen the organization of the Young Men's Republican club and extend its influence by adding to it some of the features which have made the Sundown and other clubs so popular. The Young Men's Republican club is a permanent organization with an enrollment of members exceeding 400. At present the club is without regular headquarters, and it is felt that something should be done to weld the members together and secure a compact organization that can be relied upon as a definite working force in the spring and fall campaigns. It is proposed to accomplish this purpose by a monthly banquet at one of the leading hotels, with ten minute addresses by the noted public men and republicans of this and other states. The club membership is so large that the individual cost would be small, and there seems to be no reason why the plan should not succeed admirably. One can already imagine a gathering of 150 or 200 enthusiastic young republicans with their chairs tilted back, after a satisfactory repast, listening to the winged words of Ike Lausung who is one of the happiest speakers in the west in the opinion of John M. Thurston and a large section of the public, or the dry humor and forceful utterances of Ex-Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, G. M. Lambertson.

A meeting of the club was held last night in the Capital Hotel and the plan to revivify interest in the organization was fully discussed. Further particulars will be announced in a few days.

The city of Lincoln, according to THE COURIER, has a councilman serving his second term who, it is alleged, has never been naturalized. His name is O'Shee, and he claims that he became a citizen when his father was naturalized in Des Moines, in 1870. Parties interested, however, deny that Mr. O'Shee, senior, was ever naturalized in Des Moines or in any other town or city in the United States. Saturday Review, Des Moines.

The Crete Chautauqua assembly owes much of its success to the efforts of Lincoln people who have spent a great deal of time and money in advancing its interests. This year, W. E. Hardy, state secretary of the C. L. S. C., has taken a special interest in the work of preparation for the annual assembly, and Mr. Hardy and other Lincoln citizens, and the president, Rev. Willard Scott, of Chicago, have arranged a very attractive program for a ten days session, beginning with July 5th. Mrs. P. V. M. Raymond, of Lincoln, will conduct classes in music daily, and the Lincoln Oratorio Society will give two concerts. Professor Laurence Fossler, of the state university, will deliver a series of eight lectures on German literature; two on Lessing, one on Goethe's life, work and influence; four on Goethe's Faust, part I, and one on Faust, part II. Mr. Hardy will conduct Round Table discussions daily. Among the other features are two illustrated lectures on "The Architecture and Art of the World's Fair," by Lorado Taft, one of the artists of the exposition; six lectures on Christian Sociology by Prof. Graham Taylor, of Chicago; eight lectures on Civil Sociology by Rev. J. T. Duryea, of Omaha; eight lectures on Old Testament literature by Prof. Edward J. Harper, of Chicago; classes in physical culture conducted by Mrs. B. E. Root of New York; an address by John M. Thurston on "Abraham Lincoln"; an address by W. J. Bryan on "Bi-Metallism"; a lecture by A. E. Winslow, of Boston, on "Conversers and Orators"; the Lansing theatre orchestra, and Miss Hortense Paulsen, of Chicago, contralto soloist.

No new store that ever opened its doors in this city has met with a more cordial reception than that shown Green & Wilcox, 133 south 11th street. They opened Monday and the place has been crowded almost continually ever since. Cheap prices and good values are what does it.

The New Courier Publishing Co., 1131 O street, is now ready to accept orders for all kinds of fine printing and engraved work. Wedding invitations, calling cards, etc., a specialty. Phone 253.

Halter's market, old reliable market, now moved to Thirteenth street opposite Lausung theatre, is where ladies should call for their meat orders. Telephone orders over No. 100 receive prompt attention.

Miss Mable Merrill, the well-known artist, is again at her studio, room 3, Webster block, where she will be pleased to execute orders in pastel and oil paintings. Lessons given.

POINTS IN POLITICS

This fall in Lancaster county there will be elected a county treasurer, sheriff, county judge, clerk, register of deeds, county superintendent and one county commissioner. Three justices of the peace in this city will also be elected. It is probable that the republicans will hold an early convention. Many of the politicians favor July. Within the past two weeks things have begun to assume definite shape for the fall campaign, and there is a truly formidable array of candidates for the various offices. It is seldom that there is so much activity so far in advance of election.

Thus far there are two republican aspirants for the nomination for county

John Watson, of Grant precinct; J. C. F. McKesson, of Emerald; Myron Nelson and Charles Miller, of Yankee Hill; Samuel Tilden, residing in the southern part of the county; Frank Mitchell, of Centerville, and E. N. Cobb, of Bennet.

J. S. Baer, school superintendent, will probably have no opposition.

Foxworthy and Brown are both candidates for re-nomination for justice of the peace. Borgeit, it is understood, intends to retire from politics. The following have been mentioned as candidates: Jacob Oppenheimer, J. A. McCandless, H. C. Palmer, W. B. Comstock, and Sam E. Lowe.

People who know say that Ed Sizer is laying an elaborate system of pipes for the nomination for secretary of state next year. * * * Thus far there are no candidates in Lancaster



KETTIE MITCHELL.
Leading Soprano with Gus Williams' "April Fool"

treasurer, Maxey Cobb, of Denton precinct, and Boges of the city. Mr. Burnham is not a candidate. Cobb was defeated by a tremendous fight four years ago, and is likely to be a strong factor in the coming campaign.

Here are a few of the republican candidates for sheriff: John J. Trompen, of Safford; Henry Hongland, of the second ward; the present deputy, H. A. Langdon, also of the second; Ernest Hunger, of the sixth ward; Alva Smith, of Waverly; W. J. Bebout, of the sixth; Louis Otto of the fifth. Trompen, it will be remembered, was the chief competitor of McClay four years ago.

Judge L. W. Lausung is now serving his first term and he will be re-nominated. There is some talk to the effect that W. S. Hamilton may become a candidate.

The list of candidates for register of deeds, avowed and prospective includes the following names: W. C. Griffith, of the fourth ward; John Harrop, of the seventh ward; John Fawell, of the third ward; W. H. Clarke, of the fifth ward; W. E. Churchill, of the sixth ward; P. J. Dorr, of Havelock; Barry, of University Place; Paul Clark, of the sixth ward. When Griffith withdrew as a candidate for state treasurer last summer he was assured by certain influential persons that he would be given hearty support for register of deeds this year.

There was some talk at the time that he would be pushed for a city office. What effect last year's promises will have will be evident before very long. Fawell is now deputy and his friends think he has a strong claim on the nomination. Harrop is also in the register of deeds office, and will probably make a strong fight.

Major H. C. McArthur has announced himself as a candidate for county clerk. The present clerk, Woods, is now in his first term, and for a first term to be opposed, in the absence of any special cause, is almost unprecedented in the history of this county. The major is in earnest, however, and he will fight with the expectation of winning. W. C. Lane, of the third ward and John S. McDonald, of the sixth, are also spoken of as possible candidates for the place now held by Mr. Woods.

One county commissioner is to be elected. Mr. Graw is a candidate for re-nomination. Other candidates are

county for the supreme bench, and it is quite likely that Judge Chapman, of Plattsmouth, will be warmly supported here. There is some talk that Judge Maxwell will be nominated by the independents. * * * The young republicans of this city are preparing to organize for effective work this fall, and this time the endeavor may be followed by practical results. The success of George Woods has encouraged the younger members of the party to put forth greater efforts and a number of schemes are proposed for solidifying this element, which is considerable in numbers, but at present somewhat demoralized. * * * W. E. Amini, the Journalist's Washington correspondent, thinks Kent Hayden may be appointed to McFarland's place as recorder of the Capital National bank. It is said in this city that he has already been appointed. * * * Brad Slaughter, ex-Marshall of Nebraska, walked down to Omaha from his Nance county retreat, and plunked down \$2,000 for the benefit of the United States, so that a term of court might be held in May. What would this country do without such patriots? Call.

"Midway between Lampasas and San Saba, the Colorado river runs a wild, romantic winding stream" but read the whole story as it will be published in THE COURIER commencing next Saturday, "A Nymph of the West," by Howard Seely.

Lincoln ladies will find big bargains in millinery, ladies' furnishings, fancy goods and notions at Green & Wilcox's new store, 133 south 11th street.

Do not fail to read the opening chapters of a "A Nymph of the West," by Howard Seely, in next week's COURIER.

For Sunday dinner supplies call at Halter's market, opposite Lausung Theatre. Phone 100.

Mrs. W. E. Gosper's new spring stock of millinery, the finest in the city, is now complete.

Visit the New Students' gallery and be convinced that the work is first-class. 1631 O street.

Prof. Swain's ladies tailoring and dress cutting school. Thorough instructions. Lessons unlimited. Dress making done with dispatch, on short notice. Patterns cut to measure and all work guaranteed.

PEOPLE YOU KNOW

"Politics," says Sam Elder, "is a homopathic dose of h. l." and a great many people will agree with him. "Met" of the World Herald asked the leading politicians of the state to give a brief definition of politics, and some of the replies are decidedly clever. There are few better answers than Elder's, however. Bill Dorgan, who is possessed of some valuable information on the subject, wrote as follows: "Whenever you see one man putting the shoulders of a lot of other men to the wheel, that's politics. The man who can put the shoulders of the most men to the wheel, and let them do the work while he does the grunting, is the most successful politician." Mr. Dorgan has never figured before the public as a philosopher or a wit, but he has managed to give a remarkably expressive definition of politics. His reply is an epigrammatic truth. J. H. Ager, in his answer, works in a job at Mr. Roosevelt's observation leads me to the conclusion that, leaving out of the question all moral considerations, in politics as in business, 'it pays to be honest,' and the short-sightedness of the man who stoops to the practice of all sorts of deceit and trickery to obtain some office is always surprising to me." John H. Sadler of Omaha, the well known lobbyist, says "politics is to succeed." The strokes of Ager are as follows: "Ager and Smith against house rail-roads managers with them. Lost because of lack of knowledge of politics. Had railroad managers secured the assistance of men versed in politics thirty-three would have been defeated." L. D. Richards, of Fremont, late chairman of the republican state central committee, beaten by Boyd in the gubernatorial campaign three years ago, says simply: "It is h. l." Mr. Mercer: "True politics, the science of government; false politics, the intrigue of office seeking." Chairman Cady thinks that politics is "to the ambitious, a delusion; to the sincere, a disappointment; to the demagogue, an opportunity; and to all a luxury." T. H. Benton says it is a good thing to shun, "it is a delusion and a snare." Politics may be said that Nebraska politicians say it is, but it is an absorbing game and it will probably hold its own and men will continue to try their luck at it till time and eternity join hands.

George J. Sternsdorff, of Omaha, the democratic politician with red hair and a suave manner, who flits down to this city at frequent intervals, and who is known all over the state as "one of the boys," was the leading spirit in a banquet tendered to two members of "The Crust of Society" company in Omaha, on the evening last week, and George spoke a speech full of words and wisdom. His theme was the stage. He assured his hearers that "the stage does not necessarily lead to perdition," and continuing he said: "In this age of enlightenment even the most bigoted are compelled to concede that St. Peter will open the Golden Gates readily to the player if he is a decent sort of fellow, as to the banker, the lawyer, or journalist, and pardon me for expressing the hope that even I may get there." It is reported that at this juncture, Tom Cooke exclaimed: "Well, if George is going to go through the golden gates I would like to go too, for where George is there it is sure to be a pleasant place." Mr. Sternsdorff, after telling how David Garrick first raised the stage to its "present standard of excellence," tackled the question of morals and said: "The dangers that menace young men and women of the stage are not as a rule found in the theatre, but outside of it. It is the avenues that lead to the theatre that are beset with snares, idle gossipers and lingers-on, who from motives of curiosity, and sometimes worse, are forever at the heels of the dramatic profession."

A recent issue of the Free Press of London, Canada, contains an account of a concert given by the London Choral Society in which Miss Minnie Gaylord of this city participated. The Free Press says: "Miss Gaylord made a most favorable impression by her admirable singing of 'Legend' by Schirmer, and in response to a genuinely hearty encore, sang 'Robin Adair' with rare sweetness of expression. Although her voice is as yet light in quality, it betrays at every point careful and intelligent cultivation, yet it is a question which to admire most, the skillful management of her really excellent voice, or the perfect grace of her pose and demeanor before the audience." Frank D. Saunders, for a long time head salesman for Miller & Paine, will leave Lincoln in a few days to accept the position of manager of York's leading dry goods store. Mr. Saunders will be missed by a large number of business and social friends. Following is a list of the Nebraska republicans who left Monday evening to attend the meeting of the republican national league at Louisville, Kentucky: Judge Lausung, who is acting chairman of the Nebraska delegation; Congressmen Mercer, Meekjohn, and Hainer, Prof. W. E. Andrews, Frank Shelby, Cambridge, C. E. Adams, Superior, John McNally, Edgar, C. A. Jones, Lincoln; W. E. Stewart, Lincoln; E.

J. Robertson, Omaha; Brad Slaughter, Fullerton; F. L. Barnett, Omaha; John Peters, Omaha; J. L. McBrien, Tecumseh, and W. F. Hall, of Holdrege.

A. C. Wright, of the Governor's office will deliver a decoration day oration at Alma, Neb. Mrs. Webber, who has been absent in New York and on the continent for a year or more, cultivating her voice, is expected in Lincoln soon.

C. F. Royce, for more than a year Lincoln correspondent of the Bee, and a distinctly capable newspaper man, has gone to Omaha to accept an editorial position on the Bee. Mr. Bradley, who has performed such efficient service in a similar capacity for the World Herald, will take a position on the home staff of his paper May 1. He will be succeeded by Will M. Maupin, already well known in Lincoln newspaper circles. John M. Cotton, and W. S. Jay, of the Call, are about to leave for Hennessey, Oklahoma, where they will start a paper. John C. Watson and Frank P. Ireland, of Nebraska City, were in St. Louis the other day. Watson introduced Frank to a reporter as "the man who kissed little Ruth Cleveland an indefinite number of times despite the watchful care of her mamma."

C. G. Davies has bought another brick block. This time it is the State National bank building, Tenth and O streets; the consideration was \$57,000. It is understood that a large office building will be erected at that point.

John E. Utt, of this city, has been offered the position of railroad commissioner in connection with the Commercial club of Omaha.

W. B. Taylor is a candidate for the republican nomination for county commissioner. Deputy Postmaster Radford is said to be a candidate for register of deeds.

THE ILLINOIS LEGISLATURE.

Looking After the Alum and Ammonia Baking Powders.

(Chicago Inter-Ocean.)
A bill for an act, entitled "An Act to Regulate the Traffic in Baking Powder," has been introduced in the Legislature at Springfield, by Mr. Noble. The bill is intended to prevent the adulterations of baking powders with Ammonia or Alum, imposing proper penalties to enforce the law, etc. This shows an earnest desire on the part of our representatives to protect their constituents.

The Chicago Tribune, referring to the question of legislation on Alum and Ammonia baking powders says: "It deals in a direct manner with an evil that must be cut down."
Following is a partial list of the names of the brands sold in this State that have been examined and found to contain either Ammonia or Alum. Many of the Alum and Ammonia Powders are labeled and advertised as absolutely pure to mislead the public.

"Calumet," "Grant's Bon Bon," "Hotel," "Taylor's One Spoon," "Forest City," "Chicago Yeast," "Climax," "Monarch," "Rocket," "Standard," "Mokasa," "Town Talk," "Manhattan," "K. C.," "Loyal."

In addition to the above list there is a multitude of brands sold with a prize. It is safe to reject all baking powders sold with a prize, as the tests show they are composed largely of alum and cost but a few cents per pound. Also, refuse any baking powder sold at twenty five cents a pound, or less; it is sure to contain alum.

Surely nothing but their cheapness could induce the public to experiment with these impure powders at the risk of health. Aside from the question of health or the wholesomeness of these condemned powders, and viewed from the standpoint of economy alone, a pure grape cream of tartar baking powder like "Dr. Price's," from its greater known strength and unquestionable purity, will prove more economical to the user in every way.

HOOD'S CURES.
In saying that Hood's Sarsaparilla cures, its proprietors make no idle or extravagant claim. Statements from thousands of reliable people of what Hood's Sarsaparilla has done for them, conclusively prove the fact—HOOD'S Sarsaparilla CURES.

THE COURIER offers an opportunity to visit the world's fair free. All that is necessary is to secure twenty-five new subscribers. Any one can do that. A round trip ticket to Chicago on any line of railroad will be given to any person securing that number of subscribers. See large advertisement elsewhere.

When you want anything in way of ladies or girls' furnishings and want to buy it at a bargain, call and see Cox & Wilcox, 133 south 11th street.

If you have any leisure time get twenty five of your friends to subscribe to THE COURIER and you will receive in return a round trip ticket to Chicago good any time during the world's fair.

K. C. Baking Powder, 25 ounces for 25 cents. Absolutely pure. Have you tried it?